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For: 3H-QUINAZOLIN-4-ONE DERIVATIVES AS MAO-B INHIBITORS

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

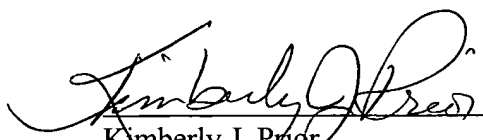
The Reasons for Allowance state that U.S. Patent No. 6,890,930 to Mederski et al. generically encompasses the claimed invention, but does not render it obvious because the generic teaching is too diffuse and none of the exemplified species teach or suggest the combination of a benzyloxy group at the 7th position with the substituents represented by R¹ and R³.

Applicants have reviewed the '930 patent, and, while the Reasons for Allowance appear applicable to claim 38 and those claims depending therefrom, Applicants note that the compounds of claim 1 are not encompassed by the reference. The compounds of claim 1 and

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those claims that depend therefrom differ from the compounds of the '930 patent at the 3rd position. In particular, the only option where R¹ of the instant claims contains an amine group is where the amine is present in the form of an amide, -CONR⁵R⁶. In contrast, the compounds of the '930 patent do not contain an amide group at the 3rd position.

Respectfully submitted,

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